(c) what steps are being taken by Government to save this plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no financial crisis in regard to the Farakka Super Thermal Project of NTPC. The project is facing temporary constraints such as delays in the completion of the transmission system for evacuation of power and nonpayment of dues by the beneficiary States. The Eastern Regional Electricity Board has been asked to monitor the supply of power from the project to the State Electricity Boards etc. who have also been advised to expedite clearance of the outstanding dues and to open Letters of Credit in favour of the NTPC.

Proposals for increasing PLF

675. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry has proposed for the setting up of a special technical monitoring group for suggesting measures ensuring increase in the plant load factor of the thermal power stations within a time bound framework;

(b) whether the Central Government has since examined the proposal of the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Identified growth Centres in the 'No Industry Districts'

676. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have identified growth centres in the 'No industry districts' and released the subsidy;

(b) if so, the details of the places identified and the financial allocations made to each State during the last one year to make infrastructure development in the 'no industry districts'; and

(c) what further steps Government propose to take to identify more areas in the (No Industry districts)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) 51 growth centres identified by 12 States in 44 No Industry Districts have been approved by the Government for development of infrastructural facilities. During the year 1987-88, a sum of Rs. 2 crores has been released to Bihar and Mizoram Government as Central assistance for development of infrastructural facilities in the following growth centres:—

State	District	Growth Centre	Central Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
Bihar	Bhojpur	Arrah	50
	Khagaria	Khagaria	50
	Purnia	Purnia	50
Mizoram	Aizawl	Luangmual	50